## MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EXPLORE LEGAL CAREERS IN PROGRAM OFFERED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT LEARNING CENTER NEXT WEEK

LANSING, MI, July 9, 2009 – Middle school students will explore a range of law-related careers through tours and activities, and learn more about Michigan courts, through a program at the <u>Michigan Hall of Justice</u> next week.

Participants in the program, entitled "Exploring Careers in the Law," will hear from <u>Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh</u>, Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Stuart Dunnings, III, and other faculty, including judges, lawyers, and other legal professionals.

The students will also observe proceedings at Lansing's 54A District Court, have lunch with court staff members, and participate in teen court jury duty training. Other sessions will focus on success in law school, the Innocence Project, legal poetry, and the role of a prosecutor.

The middle school program is offered each summer by the <u>Michigan Supreme Court</u> <u>Learning Center</u>. The Learning Center also has a week-long summer program for high school students.

Rachael Drenovsky, Learning Center Coordinator, said that participants in the middle school program will learn from "judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, magistrates, court reporters, bailiffs, probation officers, and court administrators – in short, the students will get a look at the legal system from many different perspectives. Our goal is to provide a real-life view of legal careers."

All sessions take place from 9 a.m. – noon in the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, from July 13-17.